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Brothers walk marathon for 'Uncle Smiley'



Sweet delight for chocolatier after triple award



Some of the residents who took part in the song contest.

'Good times never seemed so good!'

CARE home residents from Banks enjoyed a Eurovision-themed sing-song as they gave their best rendition of Sweet Caroline!

Sutton Grange Care Home got into the Eurovision spirit by joining a virtual sing-off, competing against their sister homes across the North of England.

Sutton Grange's staff and residents pulled out all the stops by dressing up in their finery to perform Sweet Caroline by Neil Diamond in front of some of the other

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TAWD VALLEY CENTRE PLAY PARK CLOSED OVER SAFETY FEARS

Just two months after being heralded as 'exciting facility for families to explore' it shuts for more work to be carried out

Report by **Henry James**

JUST two months after being heralded at the opening of the Tawd Valley Centre, the new play park at the location has been closed due to safety concerns and vandalism.

In June, the council said the area adjacent to the retail park had been upgraded to include "an exciting new play area in Tawd Valley Park for families to explore."

However, the authority has now said they closed the play area to make "safety checks" in addition to addressing some early vandalism of the site.

One resident said there were bits of the roof missing at the play park, meaning children could access the top of the structure and fall.

They added that swings were not secured into the ground correctly and the slide structure was not properly secured.

They said: "There was the potential for a significant injury at the park."



Sharp edges around the talk tubes where caps have not been fitted, which could cause risk of cuts.



This photo shows that swings at the play area appear not to have been secured into the ground correctly.

Another resident, whose husband used to be a registered playground inspector in Skelmersdale said he had carried out his own inspection and found "major issues with the park."

She contacted West Lancashire Council and alerted parents to keep their children off the park as it was "extremely dangerous."

She added that when they visited the park again, the council had yet to take action and "more than 20 children were still using it and there were no

signs in place or tape to make the dangerous parts of it inaccessible."

The council has now closed the facility.

A spokesperson for the borough council said: "The council, in consultation with the contractors, has closed the park due to the need to install more equipment and safety checks in addition to addressing some early vandalism of the site."

"We are working with the contractor to ensure the site remains secure during this time."

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West Lancashire Light Railway volunteers stage their summer gala

WEST Lancashire Light Railway held its annual Summer Gala on August 6 and 7.

The event was a treat for narrow gauge railway fans with three steam engines, hauling passenger trains both individually and double-headed. There

was also a pleasant surprise for those with a soft spot for classic buses and coaches.

Steam loco Irish Mail plus double-headed Stanhope and Montalban took turns to haul the frequent passenger services between the stations at Bec-

consall and Delph. Irish Mail is regularly in steam at the railway but Montalban appeared on its first service since a major refurbishment project. Stanhope has been visiting the railway and was saying goodbye before returning to its home at the

Apedale Valley Light Railway. The bus interest was provided by an ex-British European Airways and Liverpool Corporation Bedford OB from Merseyside Transport Trust which was giving free tours of the local countryside. The many visitors were also able to take advantage of a children's fair-ground ride, model railway, Meccano models, tea, cake, books, shop and, last but not least, draught ales from the local Southport Brewery.

MP backs calls for new Rail HQ to be at Crewe

'North West needs a stronger voice in rail decisions - we need to get essential projects back on track - starting with a train station for Skelmersdale...'

Report by Henry James

WEST Lancashire's MP has added her name to an open letter from several North West Labour MPs to the Secretary of State for Transport, supporting Crewe's bid to be the new home of Great British Railways headquarters.

Crewe is one of six places to be shortlisted and is the only place in the North West to make the shortlist.

The MPs argue that Crewe has a strong rail heritage and is one of the most connected interchanges in the country, connecting the nation and serving as an important rail link for the North. For this reason, they say it would be the best place for the HQ of Great British Railways.

Rosie Cooper said: "Rail passengers going from North to South in Britain will likely pass through Crewe, it really is the rail gateway to the North. "For far too long, rail travel has been



Crewe railway station

London centric, despite the rich locomotive history of the North West. That needs to change.

"That is why I am backing this bid for Crewe to be the home for the Great British Railways headquarters.

"If this is successful, the North West will have a stronger voice in rail

decisions and hopefully we can get some of our essential rail projects back on track - starting with a train station for Skelmersdale!"

Anyone can take part in the open consultation by going to: www.consultations.gbrtt.co.uk/great-british-railways/gbr-hq-vote/

Support offered for Levelling Up bids

A £50m bid has been submitted to the government's Levelling Up Fund to improve transport schemes across Lancashire.

The £4.8bn fund will support town centre and high street regeneration, local transport projects, and cultural and heritage assets.

If the Country Council's bid is successful, it could secure funds to develop a range of complementary public transport, walking and cycling projects that would 'significantly improve safer and greener travel opportunities'.

The council has also offered in-principle funding support to six Levelling Up Fund bids being made by district and borough councils from its own £5million Levelling Up Investment Fund. It is hoped the support will increase the chances of partner councils - including West Lancs Borough Council - having a successful bid.

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Community urged to back second Susan Baker Memorial Horse Ride

Report by **Henry James**

PEOPLE are being urged to support the second Susan Baker Memorial Horse Ride, which is set to take place on Sunday, August 28.

Susan Baker died aged 71 on Mother's Day in 2018 from Multiple Sclerosis after being cared for at Queenscourt Hospice in Southport.

Last year Susan's daughter Amanda Fox and her friend Jacqueline Barlow organised the first horse ride and raised more than £5,000 for Queenscourt Hospice.

Jacqueline Barlow and Amanda Fox said: "This is our second annual ride, and we are once again travelling down Lord Street which was a highlight of last year's ride. So much so that this year we are going the full length and back.

"We raised more than £5,000 for Queenscourt Hospice and what a beautiful and successful day for Banks, Churchtown and Southport also. We hope for the same success this year.

"This year we have two charities we are collecting for. Cash for Kids and North West Air Ambulance and any donations would be most appreciated.

"Anyone that would like to donate can do so by contacting Jacqueline Barlow at jakebarlow9758@gmail.com for bank transfer details. Or cheque or cash.

"It will be great for local businesses and the ride if Banks, Churchtown and Southport all come together and we have a great day together. Collection buckets will be running alongside the ride with our fabulous groundcrew."

The route will start from the stables at Long Lane, Banks leaving at noon. They hope to reach the Plough roundabout at about 12.30pm-12.45pm, and Botanic Gardens/Churchtown at 1pm-1.15pm.

The rides will then travel along Mill Lane and will arrive at Roe Lane between 1.15pm and 1.30pm.

They will then go past The Mount at about 1.35pm and travel onto Lord Street at about 1.35pm-1.45pm.

The riders will then go the full length of Lord Street turning round at Duke



A picture from the first Susan Baker Memorial Horse Ride.

Street roundabout, and pulling into Garrick Parade at 1.50pm-2pm.

They will turn left onto Kingsway and right onto the Promenade at 2.10pm/2.20pm. The riders will go back onto Lord Street from Nevill Street at about 2.25pm.

Jacqueline Barlow and Amanda Fox added: "We will then retrace our steps back to the stables in Long Lane, Banks,

so if you miss us on the way out catch us on the way back using our approximate timings to work out when we will be coming near you.

"We hope this spectacular event will bring people to the town, so businesses as well as the charities benefit in memoriam to Susan Baker.

"Keeping her memory and life of dedication to horses alive."

Care home residents love song contest

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Barchester-run care homes in Scotland and the north of England.

General manager, Benn Mott said: "We've had a brilliant time taking part in the first ever North Division Song Contest - I don't know why we haven't done it before!

"It was such good fun to link up with the other homes and hear all their performances, we will definitely do it again.

"I still think we were the best, but you can't win them all!"

Jean, resident at Sutton Grange said: "It has been a lovely afternoon. It was wonderful to see everyone in all the other homes joining in.

"I really enjoyed seeing the outfits and seeing what everyone decided to sing."

Local authority pays out £5m through council tax energy rebate scheme

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has confirmed it has so far paid out about £5million to 34,289 eligible households for the £150 council tax energy rebate.

Invites to apply for the rebate have been issued to all identified eligible households.

A spokesperson for the borough council commented: "If you are in receipt of the letter inviting you to claim, please do not delay in claiming your rebate as the deadline for submitting your details is August 26. Further information regarding the scheme's eligibility criteria can be found on the council's website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/energy"

Councillor Adam Yates, cabinet member for resources and transformation said: "We know how difficult the current economic situation is for so many

households and we have prioritised getting these funds out to residents as quickly as possible.

"I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our officers who have managed to deliver this complex scheme quickly along with full support for our residents."

The spokesperson added: "Please note: we will never contact customers over the telephone or visit them to ask for personal or bank details. All correspondence in relation to the energy rebate will come from West Lancashire Borough Council. If you are in any doubt about the legitimacy of a letter or communication you receive, you should contact Customer Services via <https://portal.westlancs.gov.uk/self-serve>."

Tory leadership candidates' backing for fracking is big concern for county says councillor

SKELMERSDALE County Councillor Julie Gibson, the Labour group shadow cabinet member for economic development has raised concerns the two candidates for the Conservative leadership contest have committed to back fracking as part of their leadership bids in the recent televised debates.

This has raised concerns the controversial process of fracking may yet return to the people of Lancashire.

Cllr Gibson said: "I was amazed that both candidates signalled their unequivocal support for fracking and immediately realised that this could mean the return of fracking to Lancashire.

"When fracking was last on the agenda, it was the North West, and particularly Lancashire, that was targeted for this, with sites being identified all over the county, I do not remember many being targeted in the south of the country."

Cllr Gibson added: "In my own area of West Lancashire, Great Altcar was identified as a potential fracking site and it was only down to the campaigning of local residents and politicians that we managed to highlight the potential dangers to the area that fracking would bring.

"I was pleased that, as a county, Lancashire County Council was steadfast in its opposition to fracking with a motion to Full Council in July 2018 which stressed the importance of local councils to



County Cllr Julie Gibson.

decide in all matters related to fracking and not to have this imposed on communities."

Cllr Gibson said: "There is a global energy crisis, but fracking is not the answer. We saw the problems with earthquakes that fracking caused in Lancashire - both candidates dismissed these.

"What we need is an energy policy that focuses on renewables and promoting the benefits of green energy.

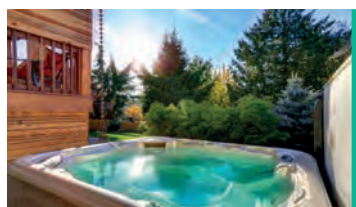

"Fracking is not a long-term answer to the problems we now face, and I am sure the people of West Lancashire and the whole of the County will be making sure that whoever wins the leadership contest is told loud and clear to keep their hands off 'frack free Lancashire' - fracking is not welcome here."



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Sebastian, Alexander, Fay and Gary Voller

Youngsters go the extra mile in memory of 'smiler' uncle

TWO youngsters from Aughton have walked a marathon over a weekend for Cancer Research UK in memory of their uncle, Stuart "Smiler" Collier.

Brothers Alexander Voller, 10 and Sebastian, 8, raised more than £1,000 with donations still coming in.

Stuart Collier passed away in December, 16 months after his diagnosis with oesophageal cancer and a few days after his son's third birthday.

Alexander, and Sebastian's mum, Fay Voller said: "Stuart was always keen to help others either fundraising through running, volunteering with Ormskirk and District Scouts

or supporting team mates in one of the sports he played.

"Alexander and Sebastian wanted to follow in their uncle's active footsteps and help other people by fundraising for Cancer Research UK."

Their marathon walk was in West Lancs and where Stuart was born and raised as a former pupil at St Anne's and St Bede's.

They walked a marathon because their mum, Fay, is running the London Marathon in October for Cancer Research UK.

Fay commented: "Stuart is sorely missed by his family especially wife and young son and all his friends."

Police seize illegal ciggies

HUNDREDS of illegal cigarettes have been seized from two shops in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale following a police raid.

Neighbourhood officers teamed up with Trading Standards to carry out inspections of the two shops which followed tip-offs from the public.

In total 555 E-cigarettes and 311 illegal/counterfeit cigarettes were seized in the joint raids.

A post on the Skelmersdale Police Facebook page read: "Trading Standards will be dealing further with the managers of these two shops.

"We are aware of the huge concern around children using vapes/E-cigs and we will continue to work with Trading Standards to identify any other shops that choose to ignore the rules."



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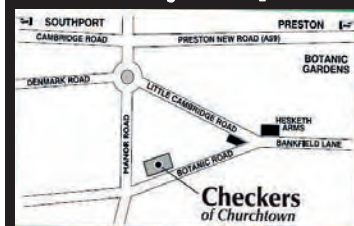
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The research team was given funding to explore post-operative shoulder rehabilitation

£1.7m grant award for research team led by Edge Hill academic on shoulder rehabilitation

Report by **Henry James**

A RESEARCH team led by an Edge Hill academic has been awarded £1.7m by the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) to investigate potentially ground-breaking post-operative shoulder rehabilitation.

Chief investigator Professor Chris Littlewood is leading a team of researchers - in collaboration with the Derby Clinical Trials Support Unit at University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust - in a national study exploring a new approach to rehabilitating shoulder muscles and tendons after surgery.

Professor Littlewood, supported by Edge Hill senior lecturer Maria Moffatt, described the study as the 'largest in the world in this clinical area to date.'

He said: "Our investigations will address a research question that is important to patients and clinicians, and will help advance clinical practice nationally and internationally."

"This funded study is the product of a significant collaborative effort across multiple institutions."

Tears of the muscles and tendons of the shoulder are a common cause of pain, disability and work absence, and over the years the number of opera-

tions to repair these injuries has increased.

However, despite this increase and improvements in surgical techniques, rehabilitation after surgery has not changed in more than 20 years.

The current practice following surgery is to wear a sling for four to six weeks - but this study is looking at whether it is more effective to enable patients to remove their sling earlier and start moving their arm as soon as they feel able, under the guidance of a physiotherapist.

The research team conducted a pilot study, which suggested this would result in less shoulder pain and disability, less time off from driving and work, and fewer tendon re-tears.

The new, larger study will recruit more patients to fully test this new approach.

Beginning in September, the study will take almost five years to complete; it will include 638 patients undergoing surgical repair of the muscles and tendons of the shoulder, recruited across 24 hospitals.

The research team includes collaborators from across the UK including Derby, Manchester, Ormskirk, Bristol, York, London, Warwick and Oxford, as well as Brisbane in Australia.

Clinicians involved in working with patients undergoing rotator cuff repair surgery who are interested in being involved in the study, titled RaCeR 2, can email uhdb.racer2@nhs.net or message @RACER_2_UK on Twitter.

Hopes high for end to Arriva bus strike

HOPES were high that the Arriva bus strike could finally end this week after a breakthrough was said to be reached in negotiations over pay.

Staff at Arriva North West have been on strike for more than three weeks after staging an indefinite walk-out on July 20, in a dispute over pay.

Arriva bosses claimed, as the Champion went to press, that the strike, could end and services resume today, Wednesday, August 17.

This is after Arriva made an "improved offer" that has led to union members taking part in a ballot to decide if they want to accept the pay increase and return to work. The result of the ballot was expected yesterday (Tuesday).

In an open letter, local leaders from Merseyside and Halton said the strike action was "hitting people hard."

The leaders said the dispute was having a "significant impact" on people's lives, adding they were "deeply concerned" about the effect of the strike when schools and colleges return next month.

They said, "During an escalating cost of living crisis, this prolonged lack of services is hitting our residents hard."



Services in West Lancashire have been hit by the strike.

"People are missing appointments, struggling to get to work, to see loved ones and choosing to not visit some of our great attractions that our visitor economy has to offer."

"Many simply cannot afford the cost of taxis."

They called on the highest levels of the company's management to get involved and resolved the dispute.

They added: "Were this dispute taking place in London we have little doubt it would be receiving much greater attention not only in the national press but within your organisation too."

"A major British city region has been without two-thirds of its bus network for almost a month while there seems to be a lack of urgency to bring it to a resolution."

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School pupil plans to run 125 miles for children's charity

Report by **Henry James**

A YOUNGSTER from Skelmersdale is in the middle of a 125 mile running challenge for charity!

Joel Morley, 12, started on August 1 and plans to run four or more miles every day until the end of this month in order to reach the milestone.

The youngster wants to raise enough money for Derian House to send one of its families on holiday. Joel, who lives with his mum, dad, and three brothers, hopes to raise £1,000 for the Chorley children's hospice.

The determined youngster, who attends Up Holland High School in Wigan, caught the running bug during the Covid lockdown as it got him out of the house and gave him a focus.

Joel, who is also a budding actor, completed his first fundraiser run of 80 miles for the place that prepared him for his first big panto role earlier this year - his local performing 'Artz' Centre in Skelmersdale.

With that under his belt, Joel decided to do something for Derian House, a hospice that provides respite and end-of-life care to more than 450 children and young people across the North West.

With Joel's fundraising goal of £1,000, Derian House would be able to offer one of their families a week's stay in their holiday lodges completely free of charge.

This is not the first time Joel has attempted a challenge for Derian House. Last year he planned to run 100 miles in 50 days but completed the challenge with days to spare. Instead of stopping, he carried on running and racked up an extra 20 miles - rais-



Joel Morley is ready to run!

ing just over £2,000 for the charity.

When asked why he chose to help Derian House, Joel said: "I'm very lucky to be healthy and happy. I realise that other children don't have the same opportunities that I do."

"I did some research and when I found out about Derian House and all that they do I knew that was the charity I wanted to help. You can see that Derian House is a really nice place where children can go to make the most of it. I want to raise as much as I can for them."

To donate to Joel's challenge visit: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Katie-Louise25

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Specialist police team crackdown on child abuse

IN the last 12 months, Lancashire Constabulary's Online Child Abuse Investigation Team (OCAIT), a specialist team of detectives and staff who work around the clock to keep children safe, has investigated 529 crimes and safeguarded 744 children.

Working closely with the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit (NWROCU), the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other nationwide forces, the OCAIT team is committed to identifying and arresting those who offend online, using the internet as a place to exploit children by grooming them and distributing indecent images.

Furthermore, in collaboration with NWROCU, the team investigate those offenders who actively engage online with undercover officers posing as children.

This often leads to 'meets' where offenders agree a meeting place with an undercover officer only to be intercepted by arrest teams.

Every day, the team gathers information on potential suspects and build comprehensive files of evidence which will help to bring them to justice.

As a result of this work, 55 child sex offenders have been prosecuted in the last year and the team have not had a single failure at court.

The team sifts through data taken from computers, hard drives and phones which have been seized from suspects and, using state of the art technology, work to identify victims of sexual abuse.

They then work with local authorities across Lancashire to enable victims to be safeguarded appropriately.

Inspector Rachael Ashcroft, who leads the OCAIT team, said: "Protecting children is our top priority and something that each member of the team is absolutely passionate about. Each time an offender views or distributes an image of child sexual abuse, that child is victimised once again."

Lancashire Constabulary is working closely with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation.

They provide a free helpline (0800 1000 900) for offenders and their families, helping offenders to stop and help their family members to spot the signs and seek advice.

Southport Flower Show to return this week after two year pandemic absence

Report by **Tom Martin**

SOUTHPORT Flower Show will make its eagerly awaited return this week!

After a two year break caused by the pandemic, the show is coming back to Victoria Park from Thursday, August 18 to Sunday, August 21.

The 2022 show will see a return of the stunning grand floral marquee for which Southport is famous, along with the keenly contested amateur competitions where enthusiastic and talented home growers from across the north go head-to-head.

Visitors will also find inspiration in the display gardens and from talks by knowledgeable experts, including Adam Frost from the BBC's Gardeners' World, ITV's Love Your Garden presenter Katie Rushworth and Daisy Desire, who is known to thousands of Instagram followers as the 'Drag Queen Gardener'.

In a break from recent tradition, the honour of opening the show will not go to an A-list celebrity but to a local community hero - Dr Karen Groves MBE - who was nominated for her years of service at Southport's Queenscourt Hospice.

Away from the fabulous floral displays, former Strictly Come Dancing stars Janette Manrara and husband Aljaz Skorjanec will bring some glitter ball glamour to guests in the Garden Theatre on Friday and there is a pop-up shopping village with more than 350 trade exhibitors, offering a vast range of unusual and unique products for home and garden.

Some of the nation's best-known chefs will appear in the cookery theatre, including Hairy Biker, Si King, who puts on two shows on Saturday.

Also appearing are TV chefs and Liverpool restaurateurs Ellis Barrie and Dave Critchley and on Thursday, visitors can see Gemma Melvin, the Southport home baker whose Lemon Swiss Roll and Amaretti Trifle won the BBC's Platinum Pudding competition to create the official dessert for the Queen's Jubilee.



Jumping for joy... Show organisers are looking forward to a bumper event

Children go free and younger guests will be entertained by performers including Children's TV favourite Justin Fletcher.

The star of CBeebies is known to millions of young fans for his popular characters including Mr Tumble, and will return to Southport with a new live show for 2022 in the Garden Theatre on Sunday.

There are also fun-packed science and discovery workshops with hands-on activities designed to keep kids busy.

Visitors can also bring their four-legged family members to the show, with dogs welcome at Southport once again in 2022 and animal lovers can also check out a performance by the West Lancashire Dog Display in the Arena.

Support offered to social workers

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has reinforced her support for more social care workforce funding, by signing up to stand with carers demanding continued funding from government.

At a recent Adult Social Care All Party Parliamentary Group reception in Parliament, MP Cooper made the pledge on the back of government minister assurances that social care workforce funding would not be under threat through the Conservative leadership contest.

Though candidates had pointed to a threat to the health and social care levy under which £500m is pledged for workforce development over the next three years, Social Care Minister Gillian Keegan stated 'it's not really an option not to do it when you look at the demographics.'

Launching an update on the report, APPG co-chair Damian Green said there had since been welcome government announcements including the levy, which over three years committed a total £1.4bn to social care of which £500m was earmarked for workforce.

MP Cooper said "We have been calling for clear funding and strategy on health and social care workforce from government for years to address the current shortages in providing appropriate levels of care now, and in the future."

"The pandemic exposed just how big the situation is, but there has been a clear lack of workforce planning for years which has led to this."

"I welcome the comments from the Minister but the proof will be in the pudding when the Tories finish their internal mudslinging and get on with governing the country, and whether social care is a priority or not for the new leader and whether the wild tax changes being promised will ensure adequate funding is available."

"However, I will continue to campaign for more social care funding through parliament and health and social care select committee."

Last chance to submit nominations for Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

A FINAL call has been made for residents to nominate outstanding voluntary groups in their area for the 2022 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service before this year's deadline.

This prestigious UK National Honour, which has the equivalent status to the MBE, recognises the exceptional contribution made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others.

In June this year, six outstanding Lan-

cashire groups were announced as among the recipients of the 2022 Award from nominations made from across the UK.

These groups were nominated by members of the public.

Although the window for 2023 nominations has been open since April, there is still time to submit a nomination before the closing date of September 15.

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Halsall man's role in gang which supplied drugs on 'industrial scale' across UK

Member of organised crime group uncovered by Encrochat inquiry gets 34 year jail term

Report by Henry James

A MAN from Halsall has been jailed for 34 years for having a leading role in an organised crime group which produced and supplied drugs on an industrial scale across the UK.

The group of nine men were found to have dealt in Class A and B drugs, valued at more than £6million between April and June 2020 following a joint investigation between Merseyside and North Wales police forces.

Two of the group were also part of a conspiracy to possess and supply prohibited firearms.

The evidence was unearthed as part of an Encrochat enquiry with evidence linking the group to premises near the North Wales border near Chester and evidence of Class A and B drug dealing around the Maghull area.

Detectives found a storage unit in the Aintree area had also been used by the group to store chemicals and equipment relating to amphetamine production.

It also emerged that the group were producing amphetamine for intravenous use making it a Class A controlled drug instead of its normal Class B classification.



The drugs found at the unit in Aintree.

Paul Mount, Anthony Saunderson and Darren Owens, were all the principal organisers in the group and were all involved in the wholesale dealing of controlled drugs on a massive scale.

Mount, 38, of no fixed abode, but previously from the Halsall area, was linked to the encrochat handle 'Nova-Club'.

In addition to amphetamine production he was in discussions in relation to the supply of huge quantities of cocaine and heroin to Scotland.

He was also involved in the wholesale supply of cannabis.

He was convicted of conspiracy to produce and supply Class A drug (Amphetamine), conspiracy to produce and supply a Class B drug (amphetam-

ine), conspiracy to supply Class A drugs (cocaine and heroin), conspiracy to supply other Class B drugs (cannabis, ketamine, MCAT and Diazepam) and conspiracy to acquire or purchase a prohibited weapon.

He was jailed for a total of 34 years.

Speaking after the sentencing Detective Inspector Paul McVeigh said: "Our operation began in 2020 following the receipt of Encrochat material gathered by the National Crime Agency.

"Those involved in the supply of drugs and use of weapons have no regard for the lives they affect and the harm they can cause, and we are committed to pursuing those involved in serious and organised crime and bringing them to justice.

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Merseyrail's 'limited service' during two days of strike action

Report by Henry James

RAIL operator Merseyrail will run a 'limited train service' this Thursday (August 18) and this Saturday (August 20), due to two planned 24-hour strikes by Network Rail staff who are members of the RMT union.

The Liverpool City Region rail network is affected by the UK-wide national walk out, as Network Rail signalling and maintenance employees will be taking industrial action from 7am on Thursday, August 18 to 7am on Friday, August 19, and from 7am on Saturday, August 20 to 7am on Sunday, August 21.

Merseyrail will run an hourly service on the Ormskirk and Southport lines, calling at selected stations between 7.30am and 6.30pm on both days to help passengers make essential journeys.

Full details of the different lines are:

Hunts Cross line: No trains will operate between Liverpool Central and Hunts Cross.

Ormskirk line: Trains will run hourly, only calling at Ormskirk, Maghull North, Maghull, Aintree, Kirkdale, Moorfields and Liverpool Central.

Southport line: Trains will run hourly, only calling at Southport, Formby, Blundellsands & Crosby, Waterloo, Moorfields and Liverpool Central.

There will be no trains on the Merseyrail network before 7.30am or after 6.30pm on Thursday, August 18 or Saturday, August 20.

Due to lack of availability, there are no rail-replacement buses on either day. Passengers should make alternative travel arrangements where necessary.

On Friday, August 19, trains will be gradually reintroduced from 7am, when the first 24-hour strike ends. There are no rail-replacement buses



There will be limited services this Thursday and Saturday, during planned strike action

before train services begin, again due to lack of availability.

It is intended that a normal train service will resume from 8am across the Merseyrail network.

Full timetables are available via the operator's website at <https://www.merseyrail.org/plan-your-journey/network-rail-strike-action.aspx>

Andy Heath, managing director at Merseyrail said: "Once again we have been able to work closely with Network Rail to ensure there will be a service for the people of the Liverpool City Region during this period of national disruption.

Services will be 'very busy'

"For those intending to travel on August 18 or August 20, please be aware that services will be hourly, will only serve limited stations and are likely to be very busy.

"Passengers should plan ahead, come prepared and allow more journey time. Our team will work hard to get you to where you need to be."

Free places available at dementia therapy sessions

A COGNITIVE Stimulation Therapy course aimed at helping people living with dementia and their carers is looking for people to join them in West Lancashire.

The sessions, run by Age UK Lancashire, are starting in October and will be available in Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Hesketh Bank.

Abigail Ellis, CST coordinator at Age UK Lancashire, said: "Cognitive Stimulation Therapy is the only non-drug treatment specifically recommended to improve cognition, independence and wellbeing

for individuals living with mild to moderate dementia by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence.

"Each CST session is themed and includes a range of creative activities, music, topical discussion, physical activity, quizzes and word and number games.

The courses run for 12 weeks, followed by a special session for carers aimed at providing them with the tools and knowledge to continue supporting their loved ones in meaningful CST-based activities at home. The courses start at Age UK

Lancashire Wellbeing Centre in Ormskirk on Monday, September 5, Hesketh Bank Community Centre on Tuesday, September 6 and in Skelmersdale Library on Wednesday, September 7.

The sessions are free and waiting lists may apply.

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Young people can call Talkzone on 0800 511 111, text on 07786 511 111 or send an email to: talkzone@lancashire.gov.uk

Sweet delight for chocolatier after triple award win!

Report by Henry James

A CHOCOLATIER in Mawdesley has scooped three gongs at a blind-tasting food awards.

ChocAmor, based at Cedar Farm, enjoyed a triple success at the recent Great Taste awards in recognition of three of its tasty treats.

Paul Williams, head chocolatier at ChocAmor, said: "We were uncertain if we would enter any awards this year but decided last minute to go for it and we were delighted to have such positive news."

"This takes our overall awards tally to the magical number of 54."

"This includes Great Taste Awards, Academy of Chocolate Awards, International Chocolate Awards – British Finals and seven World Finals."

This year's three awards were:

- A two Star Award was given for the Dark Chocolate with Sea Salt & Nibs Bar.

This consists of a single origin Colombian 61% dark chocolate with Halen Mon Pure Sea Salt & Colombian Roasted Cocoa Nib.

This two Star award is only one of nine chocolate awards in this category.

- A one Star award was given for the Dark Chocolate with Coffee Bar.

This consists of a single origin Colombian 61% dark chocolate with coffee sourced from a local coffee roaster in Cedar Farm.



Jacqui and Paul Williams of Choc Amor

- A one Star award was given for the Dark Chocolate with Kalamata Olive Oil Bar.

This consists of a single origin Colombian 61% dark chocolate flavoured with 1st Press Greek Kalamata Olive oil.

The Great Taste awards are judged by the most demanding palates, belonging to food critics, chefs, cooks, restaurateurs and producers as well as a whole host of food writers and journalists.

Great Taste is widely acknowledged as the most respected food accreditation scheme for artisan and speciality food producers.

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Waste of NHS resources

I attended the minor injuries at Ormskirk Hospital after having a fall and injuring my hip.

I am in considerable pain and as I had a hip replacement three years earlier, I saw a practitioner nurse who informed me that they do not X Ray hips at the minor injuries facility.

I could not believe it.

I was advised to go to A&E in Southport which was ridiculous.

What is the point of this facility?

I was not given any advice on my painful leg, just told to go to A&E. What a waste of NHS resources.

Disgusted, Ormskirk

New build houses must be more climate friendly

For years there has been constant building all over the country and not many houses are even affordable as most are over £250,000 plus - so much for affordable housing.

Yet, with the climate emergency that we are in, not one new developer on these new estates has installed rain water collection tanks and hardly any have solar panels. Why is this not being made part of the planning consent and made compulsory.

Collection tanks would save millions of gallons of water going straight down the drains to cause flooding and in times of water shortages in dry weather it could be a great help.

This should be mandatory before there is a real water shortage like in many parts of the world - think long term, think ahead.

Trees, shrubs/bushes and hedgerows should also be put in as an essential part of the planning process when applying to build. Every house built should have a minimum amount planted on every property.

With all the amount of unnecessary building of houses on green belt the councils and Government are directly contributing to the problem.

The countryside is being ruined for all of us and for future generations and purely for greed. Isn't this the reason why we have a green belt so it is protected?

The more you build the warmer the planet will get. There are alternative sites along with thousands of empty properties before building on green fields or do the powers-that-be have a scorched earth policy, just like in the Sci Fi films?

The countryside is getting destroyed and for what? We can't keep building our way out.

'Concerned', Southport

Union bosses will still get their pay

In reply to 'striking bus driver' (Champion Letters August 10), I appreciate that the drivers did a great job during the pandemic but so did a lot of other people.

I understand that the drivers have been offered an 8.5% pay rise which has been turned down by the unions.

My daughter and grand-

daughter are both nurses and took their lives in their hands every time they went to work during the pandemic, but did not once consider going on strike even though they were given a paltry 3% percent rise after having no increase in pay for a few years.

Don't the drivers realise that apart from causing

misery to so many people, they have lost so much money it will probably put them in debt or force them to use their savings.

On the other hand the Union officials will still be getting paid no matter how long the strike goes on.

L.T., Crosby

Staggered to see glowing praise for CCG

I was staggered to read the glowing compliments for the now defunct Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) from Julie Myers, Champion Letters.

This is the CCG that was censored by its own external auditor for substantial over-spending on awarding contracts to private provider, Virgin Care.

A CCG that espoused openness but consistently shut down dis-

senting voices; a CCG that invited the public to meetings but didn't allow the opportunity to raise questions by removing 'AOB' from its agenda.

My only hope is that the same people don't end up in the replacement ICB, which has only been formed because of the failure of the CCG system.

Barrie French, Ormskirk

PICTURE of the week



This photograph of a Dachshund straw dog in Mawdesley was snapped by Robert Rimmer. To submit a photograph to be considered for Picture of the Week, email your image to editorial@champnews.com

Lost faith in Environment Agency

I write in response to Del Ellis's letter 'Landfill is a lucrative business and sites need careful scrutiny.'

Landfill is indeed a lucrative business especially when landfill site operators largely regulate themselves with a bit of help from the Environment Agency (EA). But as the EA receive cash payments from landfill operators, the term 'regulation' has to be viewed with suspicion.

For example the previous owners of Whitemoss landfill site favoured the tipping of highly toxic incinerator ash from the back end of tipper trucks. Even in mild weather, this method led to the release of a cloud of ash leaving the site and heading towards residential property.

The EA did nothing about this outdated practice so profits are greatly increased if pollution of the environment and people is allowed to go unchallenged. Dealing with incinerator ash still goes on today at Whitemoss using silos.

Burying highly toxic incinerator ash at Whitemoss Road South is too risky especially as Veolia, the parent company, operate an underground facility in Winsford where over a 100 years of mining has created an impermeable capsule ideal for storing material considered harmful to human health and the environment.

Changes in landfill regulations in Europe mean that now much of the waste material from incinerators, battery recycling and other industrial processes must now be placed into permanent storage rather than dumped.

Why do Veolia choose to dump incinerator ash at Whitemoss when it can be taken and buried in Winsford far away from residential property?

Is there an 'I-don't-care' attitude towards people of Skelmersdale, or is it simply for larger profits?

Careful scrutiny of landfill sites always comes from residents, the Environment Agency only become interested due to resident complaints which they have to placate.

According to the EA, the recent smell hanging over Old Skelmersdale did not emanate from Whitemoss landfill site, but a few hundred residents will tell you different.

I certainly think it came from the site, very probably from an old cell containing household waste. People have lost their faith in the EA to protect them and have given up phoning them because they do nothing. People are left feeling hopeless because there is no one fighting their corner. It's shut up and put up.

Christopher Carr, Skelmersdale

Certain things should be sacrosanct... including the BBC reading out Saturday's classified football results!

The reading of the football results at 5pm on a Saturday is part of the BBC's heritage. To do away with it is absolute madness.

I grew up listening to Sports Report and so did so many people of my generation.

Times have changed and there are different ways to access the scores now. But certain things should be sacrosanct and this is

definitely one of them.

The BBC make some strange decisions these days.

Somebody from the BBC Sports Department has actually agreed to this. They have thought it is a good idea. How can anyone even think that?

The BBC is a public service broadcaster. So which part of the public's best interests does this serve? People will get in

their cars on a Saturday afternoon after the match, turn on the radio to hear the scores, and they just won't be there anymore. Those are the people who have been let down by this decision.

There are some things that the BBC should never do; this is one of them. They have lost the plot.

Peter Rimmer, Ormskirk

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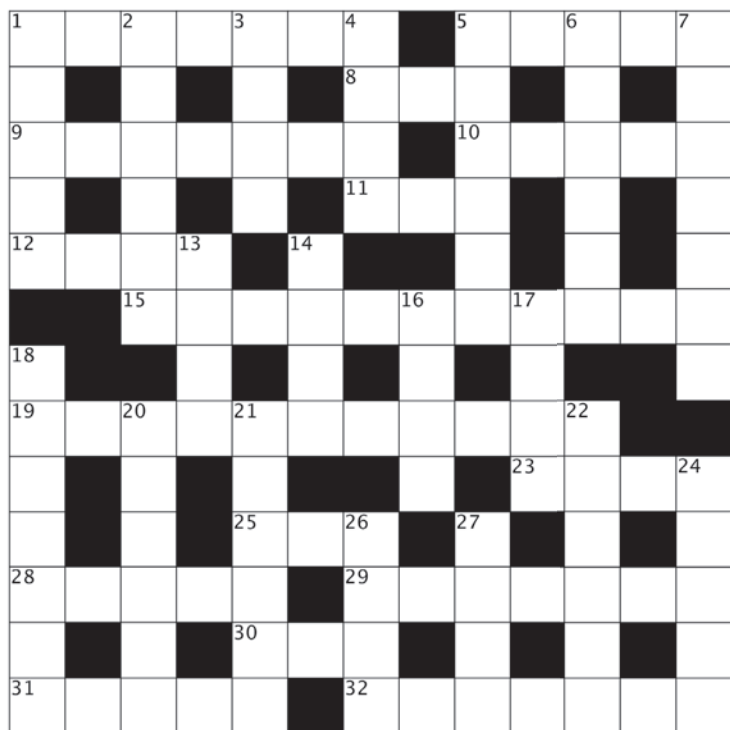
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- Common condiment (7)
- Crunchy and fresh (5)
- Employ, put into practice (3)
- Sub-atomic particle (7)
- Youthful (5)
- Snakelike fish (3)
- Australian gemstone (4)
- African volcano (11)
- Country in which the Kruger National Park is found (5,6)
- Stone edging to a pavement (4)
- Feline animal (3)
- A thing of value (5)
- Consume too much (7)
- Plant of the genus Hedera (3)
- 2004 hit record by Britney Spears (5)
- Longest river in Ireland (7)

DOWN

- Tropical fruit (5)
- Sound made by a mouse (6)
- City near the Taj Mahal (4)
- Hill of sand (4)
- Old name for Sri Lanka (6)
- Type of large lizard (6)
- Young male wedding attendant (7)
- Hitchhiker's ride (4)
- A travel document (4)
- Area of 4,840 square yards (4)
- Bowls target (4)
- Road surfacing material (7)
- Suitable for males and females (6)
- Frantically busy (6)
- Sea near Greece (6)
- Passed between runners in a relay race (5)
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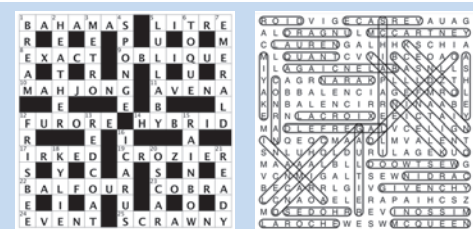
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Cllr Carl Coughlan at Nye Bevan Pool

Youngsters can 'swim and gym' for only £1!

THE borough council is set to launch its new £1 swim and gym session offer at Skelmersdale's Nye Bevan Pool in September.

Starting on Sunday, September 18, youngsters aged 12-17 will be able to access swimming sessions, water inflatables, gym and circuit training all for just £1 at Nye Bevan between 4pm-6pm.

These increased opening hours will provide a targeted safe space for young people to enjoy the facility.

The council's new cabinet member for leisure Cllr Carl Coughlan said: "It is through partnership working that we can make a real difference in young peoples' lives, working together to provide new, exciting and affordable opportunities, ensuring that young people feel integrated in our communities."

"We hope to see this offer widely used by young people across Skelmersdale, helping to build lifelong relationships through healthy activities."

Portfolio holder for health and wellbeing Cllr Vickie Cummins added: "I am delighted that young people in West Lancashire are being offered this opportunity to increase their activity levels, socialise together and even learn some new skills."

The project will also offer opportunities to young people to volunteer and work towards achieving a national lifeguarding qualification.

Following this pilot and its impact, further trials will be considered at other venues in the borough.

For more information, visit www.westlancsleisure.com/nye-bevan-pool/

Family Hub Info Sharing Service set-up by council

A FAMILY Hub Information Sharing Service is being established at Lancashire County Council to help services and partners share information and deliver cohesive support to children, young people and families.

Information will be taken, safely stored and shared to and by appropriate practitioners such as school nurses, family safeguarding teams, NHS and police. This will be done on a need-to-know basis and confidentiality will remain a priority.

Information is shared in lots of different ways which sometimes means that information is out of date and people who use services have to repeat themselves to practitioners.

It will free up valuable time for practitioners by reducing the need for inputting and processing information and will increase the quality time spent working with and supporting children, young people and families.



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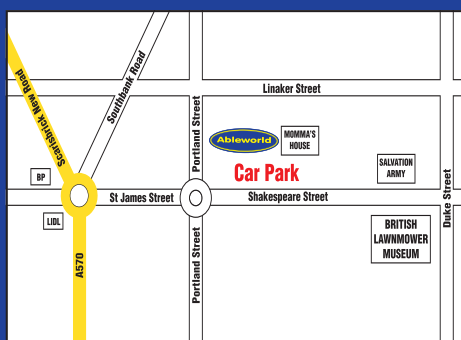
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Last gasp strike sinks Skem in league opener

Cruel loss marks return to Northern Premier League

Skelmersdale United 2
Trafford 3

SKELMERSDALE United conceded a last gasp winner as they lost the opening match of the season, writes Kevin Panther.

Skem had taken the early initiative in a game played in horrendous heat, Darren Brannigan heading into the hands of the keeper after good work on the wing from Elliot Morris.

It was Brannigan who got the opening goal when Danny Mitchley set up the youngster to tap home after just 14 minutes.

It was almost 2-0 when Morris tormented the visitors defence and another of his telling crosses just evaded Mitchley and Brannigan at the far post.

Trafford were back in the game on 23 minutes. A quick breakaway saw Oliver Ford and Matt Morgan combine with the latter placing his shot from the angle of the box out of the reach of Skem keeper Andy Coughlan.

Just after the half hour Skem were back in front. Joe Nicholson's powerful run found Mitchley in the six yard box to stroke home.

The game could have been out of Trafford's sight as the half time whistle approached, Sam Sheen battling through a cluster of defenders and with only goalkeeper Connor Robson to beat saw his

shot go inches wide.

It would have been no more than United deserved heading into the break. They had been the better side by far but Trafford were still causing the occasional threat.

Sam Sheen was again in the thick of it just after the break as he threatened to score.

In the second half the heat played a significant part in the proceedings with the game becoming disjointed and scrappy. Substitutions were made by both sides and it wasn't until 76 minutes that either side had a meaningful shot on goal.

Djalo was upended outside the box and up stepped Kenny Strickland, a sweet effort was only kept out by the width of the crossbar.

The let off inspired the experienced Trafford side and for the remaining minutes they piled the pressure on United's goal. Mitchley cleared off the line on 77 minutes but there was no one there as Tom Bentham drew the sides level moments later.

With the scores at 2-2 Morris was set free by substitute Abdul Djalo his near post shot was diverted for a corner by Trafford keeper Connor Robson from the resulting kick the ball was cleared and Trafford piled men forward, eventually finding Michael Burke in the box who fired home from close range to break the hearts of the United faithful.

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Burscough's first goal on Saturday. Picture by Padiham FC

Ormskirk beaten by Birkenhead Park

ORMSKIRK were beaten by five wickets by Birkenhead Park on Saturday. James Bone top scored with 34 as Ormskirk posted a total of 209-9 declared off 55 overs. Birkenhead Park's openers put on 73 before

Jamie Barnes had Matty Langford caught behind for 45. Martyn Farrell had Mark Rowland stumped for 51. Farrell claimed a couple more wickets and Zahir Shehzad took the fifth wicket to leave Birkenhead

Park on 147-5 but that was the last wicket to fall as the innings finished on 2105 in the 46th over. Ormskirk remain second in the Liverpool Competition Premier Division table, 78 points behind leaders Wallasey.

Lift off for Linnets!

Padiham 0
Burscough 2

BURSCOUGH picked up their first win of the season on Saturday, with two second-half goals lifting them up to 16th in the North West Counties Premier Division table, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

After a close first-half, Burscough took control after the interval and scored goals at either end of the half.

The experienced Ashley Ruane opened the scoring for the Linnets two minutes after the interval scoring from close range.

The Burscough winner came from Eddie Servuts, the young forward who is on a dual registration with local rivals Skelmersdale United.

Late on the hosts piled on the pressure but a solid looking Burscough backline were not for giving away the three valuable points.

Burscough are due to host Barnoldswick Town this Saturday, but this fixture could be changed due to a clash with Skem United's home match at the same ground.

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But why have we seen such a decline? Reasons such as loss of natural habitats and climate change are said to be some of the main reasons we are seeing a decline of birds, including beloved UK birds such as the song thrush, house sparrow, and lapwing.

Ringing birds is a great tool for understanding population changes vital for bird conservation. Licenced ringers place a light weight uniquely numbered ring around a bird's leg providing a reliable and harmless method to identify birds as individuals. This allows us to track key information such as survival, productivity and movements of birds - which can provide better insight into the causes of population changes.

At Martin Mere, our reserve is home to over 100 different species of birds. This includes migratory birds such as ducks, geese, waders and swans, which join us for the

winter. With bird ringing, we can see exactly where these birds come from and which families are returning to us each year. We can also look at how many chicks make it to fledging or how many adults survive the stresses of breeding, migration and severe weather.

From the ringing data we have found out some amazing things. Our black-headed gulls have been seen in lots of countries. We ring the lapwing chicks at Martin Mere and then use this to see how many fledge and then return to the site to breed. We have found that our lapwings are very site faithful. We have whooper swans in the winter that are at least 26 years old!

As part of our Junior Wetland Rangers event, we are hosting bird ringing sessions for children. Join us each day from 11am until 3pm to learn more about the importance and process of ringing birds. We also have other exciting activities such as our Flamingo Health Check, Pond Dipping, and a Wetland Bird Survey (WeBS), where you can visit our Discover Hide and record the birds you see!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**WHITTINGHAM
THOMAS
"TOMMY"**

Nancy and her family would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their kind messages and expressions of sympathy also donations received in memory of Tommy and for attending the Funeral Service.

Special thanks to Andrew Wilson and all at Excel & Primary Care & Guardian Care and Staff on Ward 15B S.O.D.G.H. for the care and kindness received over the recent weeks.

Thank you also to Tony Mather for the beautiful service also David and his colleagues at R. Banks & Son for the dignified Arrangements.

God Bless You All.

DEATHS

**BRENNAN
JOHN**



Passed away at home on July 29th 2022 after a courageous and dignified battle with Motor Neurone Disease

John was a devoted and treasured Husband to Maureen (Mo) and an adored Father to Dan. Beloved Brother to Aidan and cherished Uncle, Brother-in-law and Friend.

John was a dedicated and highly respected History teacher. He began his career at The Bluecoat School, Liverpool, followed by St Edwards College and Runshaw College, Leyland. John's passion for his subject inspired all his students and he was well known for his dry wit and sartorial elegance.

John was a keen amateur footballer and later went in to management for Formby Junior Sports Club. John was a lifelong Evertonian and as a season ticket holder attended all home games with Dan.

Requiem Service to be held at Our Lady of Compassion Roman Catholic Church, School Lane, Formby at 11am on Wednesday 24th August 2022, followed by Interment at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Ainsdale.

Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the Merseyside branch of the MND Association or Queenscourt Hospice, Southport c/o and all enquiries to Coyne Bros. Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby L37 3PE. Tel 01704 873899.

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DEATHS

**SHEVLOFF
CAROLYN
ELIZABETH**

5th August 2022
Aged 76 Years

Passed away peacefully at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary.

Will be sadly missed by her partner Tony Randall and all of her family and friends.

Requiem Mass to take place at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TJ on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at 10:00am followed by Interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery

Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Dementia UK.

All Enquiries to David at Massam and Marshall Independent Funeral Directors, 5 The Common, Parbold, WN8 7HA. Tel: 01257 462222

DEATHS

**JONES
THOMAS
MAXWELL
'Max'**

Of Scarisbrick, Ormskirk

Passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on 6th August 2022. Aged 83

Devoted Husband to Mary. Beloved Father to Max, Mark and Matthew. Loving Brother to Barbara. Much loved Grandad of Ellie, Aimee, Jaime and Maxi.

Funeral service at West Lancs Crematorium on 24th August 2022 at 11am. Family Flowers Only. Donations welcome to Prostate Cancer UK & Alzheimer's Society.

Enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

**KNIGHT
PHILIP
JAMES
VYVIAN
(PHIL)**

3rd August 2022
Aged 75 Years

Died peacefully. Cousin of Avril, Emily and Abi. Lifelong friend of Viv, Heather, Mike and Craig. Phil will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 25th August at 2:00pm Smart casual clothes. Family flowers only please but donations, if so desired, are being gratefully received for The Cats Protection (St Helens Branch).

Enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

DEATHS

**SAWYER
SYLVIA
PAMELA
MARY**

On 4th August 2022

Passed away peacefully at home aged 71 years

Beloved wife of the late Robert Sawyer Loving mum to Victoria, James, Rachel and Faye. Dear Nana to Scarlett and Violet.

Requiem mass to be held at St Teresa's Church Birkdale on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 12 noon Followed by the committal at Southport Crematorium.

Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired can be made to Queenscourt Hospice or Carfin Grotto.

Donations and further enquiries please to M.Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG.

Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

**THOMPSON
JOSEPH
REGINALD
(REG)**

Formerly of Ormskirk
9th August 2022

Peacefully in Elm House Nursing Home, Southport after a long illness

Aged 91 Years

Devoted husband to Gladys Mary (Deceased). Father to Janet (Deceased), Kim and Gladys, Grandfather to Tracy, Lee and Amy. Great Grandfather to all his Great Grandchildren.

Funeral to take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 25th August 2022 at 12.00pm.

Family Flowers only, Donations if so desired to Dementia U.K.

All Enquiries to Broadbent & Seddon Funeral Directors, 33 Liverpool Road, Southport, PR8 4AG.

Tel 01704 550055

BIRTHDAY MEMORIALS

**CHIN
ERIC**

20th August 1941

My dear Husband Eric, on this 4th birthday without you, there will be no gifts or celebrations, instead I send you birthday wishes and all my love to you up above in heaven.

Love and kisses, from your heartbroken Wife Jacqueline xxx

**BUTLER
MARGARET**

(Nee Lawson)

From Burscough

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on

7th August 2022, aged 95 years.

Devoted wife to the late Jack and partner to the late Ron, Dear mother to Pauline and the late David and mother in law to Lee and Bev, Treasured grandma to Hayley, Emma, Ian and Victoria and great grandmother to Oliver.

Funeral service to take place at St John's the Baptist Church on Friday 19th August at 3pm. Followed by a burial in the Churchyard.

Confirmation of the funeral arrangements EDGAR.docx

Family flowers only please by request. Donations, if so desired, will be gratefully received for North West Air Ambulance.

All enquires Cookson Tyrer Funeralcare, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, L40 5UU, Tel 01704 897770.

**SUMNER
JOAN**

NEE TRINICK

8th August 2022

Passed away peacefully at home aged 91 years

Beloved wife of the late Richard Sumner, Sister to Pat, Brian and John.

Loving Mother to Julie, Mark, Stephen and Laura.

Special Nan to Oliver, Jade, Jessica and George and a quite unique Grandma to each of her Great Grandchildren.

She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends

Funeral Service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 2pm

Family flowers only but donations if so desired can be made to Diabetes UK c/o the Funeral Director

Enquiries to Neal Buckley Tarleton Funeral Home, 49 Church Road, Tarleton, PR4 6UQ. Tel 01772 301700

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**BAXENDALE
ROY**

on 8th August 2022 passed away peacefully aged 84 years of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Husband of Jean. Much loved Dad of David and Philip. Devoted Grandad of Charlotte and Hannah.

Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Langdale Mountain Rescue LAMRT.org.uk.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquires please contact Sally Hunter, MLS Independents, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888

**HEY
PATRICIA RAY
(PAT)**

Passed away 4th August at Byng House Aged 86

Dearly beloved Wife of Vincent and Mother of Paul.

Funeral (Requiem Mass) to be held at St Joseph's Church Birkdale on Wednesday 31st August at 10am followed by burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Family flowers only by request. Donations in memory of Pat are welcomed & will go to 'Guide Dogs for the Blind.'

All enquiries to Massam & Marshall Independent Funeral Directors 137-139 Manchester Road, Southport PR9 9BD Tel: 01704 549222

**SLATER
HELEN**

7th August 2022

Sadly passed away aged 90 years.

Much loved Mum of Catherine, Amanda and Gillian.

Loved and missed by all her family.

Family flowers only by request, but donations if so desired, are being gratefully received for Winston's Wish (<http://www.winstonswish.org.uk>)

Colourful clothes to be worn please, no black.

For Funeral arrangements and further enquires please contact Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ.

Tel 01695 424888.

**HALLIDAY
PAULINE**

Passed away peacefully on 28th July 2022 Aged 98 years

Beloved Wife of the late Dave. Dearest Sister of Babs. Adored Auntie to Helena, Adam, Tracey, Jack, Bryony, Holly and much loved by family and friends.

Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 1st September at 12noon.

Family flowers only, but donations if so desired are to be sent directly to The Stroke Association

Further enquires please to Sally Ann Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Lancashire, L39 5DZ. Tel: 01695 424888

**JOHN
LUNDBECK**

Sadly passed away surround by his loved ones on 10th August 2022

Much loved Husband to Janet. Dearly loved Dad to Jennifer, Michael, Roxanne and Heather. Dear Father-in-law to Florence, and a devoted Grandad to Megan, Faye, Ysabel, Nathan, Mia, Sienna and Lucy.

Family flowers only please, donations if so desired can be sent directly to Queenscourt Hospice or Liverpool Sunflowers.

For Funeral arrangements please contact Margaret Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, MOSS Delph Lane, Aughton. Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

MOOREY JAMES

10th August 2022
Peacefully in hospital aged 77 years of Parbold, formerly of Bickerstaffe

The dearly loved Husband of Audrey. Loving Dad of Ian and Sandra. Devoted Grandad of Beth and Joe.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at 11:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Queenscourt Hospice.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

JERRAM JOHN MICHAEL

Passed away suddenly in residential care aged 89 years

Dearly beloved Husband of Elfrida Jerram.

Much loved Father of Christine Cureton and Michael Jerram. Dear Father-in-law of David Cureton and Sharna Jerram. Loving Grandad of Matthew, Samantha, Philip and James. Dear Brother of Keith, Colin and Margaret Jerram.

A much loved uncle of Pauline, Vanessa, Suzanne, William and Oliver.

Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 23rd August at St John's Church Birkdale at 12pm.

Family flowers only by request please, donations if desired will be gratefully received by Alzheimers Society.

John will be missed by all who knew him.

All enquiries to Porters Co-op Funeralcare, 111a Bispham Road, Southport, PR9 7BJ.

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DEATHS

OWEN ANNE

of Brookfield Farm, Simonswood.

6th August 2022
Passed away peacefully in hospital, aged 69 years.

Devoted Wife of Brian, Dearly loved & Amazing Mum of Stephen, David & Michael, Dear Mother-in-law of Sian, Zoe & Sophie, and Nan Anne to Daniel, Lucy, Jessica, Ben & Oralia.

Funeral Service and Interment at Holy Trinity Church, Bickerstaffe, on Tuesday 23rd August at 1.30pm.

Family flowers only by request, donations if so desired, are bring gratefully received for Holy Trinity Church.

Enquiries please to Sally Hunter, MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20, Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, L39 5DZ

Tel: 01695 424888.

DEATHS

PRESTON LAWRENCE

After a short illness, peacefully at home on 6th August 2022 aged 72 years.

Adored Husband of Sally. Best Daddy to Natalie and amazing Father-in-Law to Andy.

Lawrence will be sadly missed by his loving family and his wonderful friends.

A celebration of Lawrence's life will take place at St Johns C of E Church, Liverpool Rd, Ainsdale, on Thursday 25th August 2022 at 1.45 pm.

Family flowers only please but donations to Queenscourt Hospice are being gratefully received .

Further enquiries please to Moisters Funeralcare, 8 Station Rd, Ainsdale PR8 3HS

Tel:- 01704 575282.

DEATHS

WHITFIELD ANN CHRISTINE

28th July 2022

Aged 80 years

Beloved wife of Peter. Loving mother to Sarah, Richard and Jonathan. Mother-In-Law to Mike and Claire. Much loved grandmother and great grandmother to all her grandchildren.

Ann will be missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 19th August at 11:00am.

Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society.

All enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale, PR8 3HW.

Tel: 01704 577786.

IN MEMORIAM

DRAPER NELL

(Nee Wilson)

2nd January 1955
18th August 2018

Four long years, We all love and miss you so much now.

A very special and much loved person.

The heartache and tears go on and on.

Thinking of you as always,

Broken Hearted Stan Adele, Paul, Alexa Laura, Dave, Ethan & Elodie XXXXXX

PRAYERS

The Miraculous Prayer

Dear heart of Jesus. In the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you this very special one. Take a dear heart of Jesus and place it within your broken heart where your Father sees it. Then, in his merciful eyes it will become your favour not mine. Amen.

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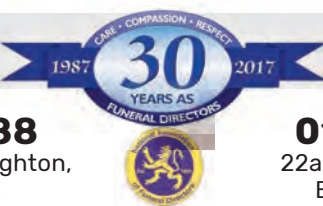
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U1185 Boundary Meanygate, Hesketh Bank from C144 Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank to U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End.
2. Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
3. The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours on Monday 5th September 2022 until 1700 hours on Friday 16th September 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. Access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.
4. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via: C144 Taylors Meanygate, Hesketh Bank - U481 Boundary Lane, Hundred End and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow trial hole working to be carried out by Network Plus on behalf of Electricity North West.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager
Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780

[Ref: HRIT/38285/EW]

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WILLIAM WALLACE MCGHIE (Deceased)
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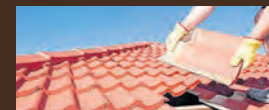
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- 13 HYUNDAI I10 ACTIVE 1.2 5-DR in black... £3995
- 60 MERCEDES C220 CDI SPORT in black, manual... £3995
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- 59 ALFA ROMEO MITO LUSSO 3-DR, black metallic, 61k... £3295
- 11 SUZUKI ALTO 1.0 5 DOOR, 51,000 miles in red... £3275
- 60 MITSUBISHI LANCER DIESEL 5-DR in silver... £2995
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- 61 HYUNDAI I30 TD ESTATE in red metallic, manual... £2795
- 53 AUDI TT COUPE, manual, silver/blue with cream leather... £2750
- 09 SUZUKI ALTO 1.2 in silver, 61k miles... £2550
- 62 CITROEN C3 1.4 HATCH... £2500
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- 60 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 ENERGY in red... £2495
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- 06 TOYOTA RAV 4 2.0 PETROL in silver, full leather, manual... £2295
- 07 NISSAN X-TRAIL COLUMBIA AUTO, PETROL, in Silver... £2995
- 10 PEUGEOT 207 DIESEL, 75k... £2250
- 58 CITROEN C1, 73K in black... £2250
- 57 PEUGEOT 207 STATION WAGON SPORT, DIESEL, manual, in blue... £2250
- 57 SUZUKI SX4 GLX 1.6 PETROL 4 GRIP 4 WHEEL DRIVE, in green... £2195
- 56 CITROEN C 1 1.0 VIBE in red, low mileage... £2150
- 57 PEUGEOT 107 in black with low tax and insurance... £1975
- 56 FORD FOCUS LX 5-DR in silver... £1795
- 2007 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 3-DR, 61k, in blue metallic... £1795
- 07 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SXI 3-DR, A/C, in grey... £1595
- 56 SUZUKI SX4 DDIS 5-DR diesel, in bronze... £1595
- 57 MAZDA 5 2.0 DIESEL SALOON, in blue... £1500
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- 64 VAUXHALL MOVANO VAN LWB in white... £6500 NO VAT
- 10 TRANSIT T300 LWB... £4495
- 14 FIAT DOBLO WITH SIDE DOOR in white... £4695 NO VAT
- 05 MERCEDES VITO VAN 115 CDI COMPACT in black... £3595 NO VAT
- 59 RENAULT KANGOO VAN in white, full MOT... £2595 NO VAT

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- 14 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 2.0 GT TDI AUTOMATIC** in black... £10495
- 09 MERCEDES ML 320 CDI 4 AUTOMATIC, in silver/gold, full spec... £6995
- 08 MERCEDES BENZ S320 DIESEL, AUTO SALOON, silver/gold, every extra... £6995
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Small convertibles are fun - and virtually extinct

CHANCES are it's probably chucking it down by the time you read this week's Champion, but as this is being written it's 32 degrees - which means it's time to trot out all the summer clichés.

Ladies wearing skimpy tops. Blokes not wearing tops at all. But not, to cut short a time-honoured tradition gracing newsagents for several decades, motoring magazines proclaiming it's time to GO TOPLESS while parading bargain-priced convertibles across their covers.

I'm not talking MX-5s or Z4s or other two-seater sports cars; I'm on about cheap 'n' cheerful, family-friendly droptops based on decapitated versions of the nation's big sellers. I suspect I know the reason why they aren't doing the rounds in the motoring mags right now. Put simply, with a handful of exceptions, there aren't any.

Less than a decade ago I remember road-testing Volkswagen's Golf MkVI Cabriolet in The Champion's pages, but nowadays there is no open-air spinoff of Europe's best-seller - instead, the only droptop it'll sell you is an open-top T-Roc, for which you need at least £31k. Ford will no longer flog you an al fresco Focus and Vauxhall's Astra Cabriolet is long gone, as its successor of sorts, the Cascada. Peugeot made a name for itself in the Noughties with SLK-esque folding metal roofs, but neither the 208 nor the 308 carry on this nifty feature. Nor does Renault, which in the Nineties would sell you a Megane in Convertible form - and a hatch, saloon, estate,



The VW Golf Cabriolet was a soft top staple for years, but is no longer on sale

coupé and people carrier for that matter - but these days does just the five-door hatch.

Just about your only options include the Smart ForTwo Cabrio, which on account of being electric-only currently costs £24,645. In fact, it's Fiat who'll fix you up with Britain's cheapest cabriolet, the 500C at £16,655, although it'd much rather you help the Italians reduce their carbon footprint by spending an extra £13,000 on the much newer all-electric model. MINI's entry-level Cabriolet, meanwhile, will set you back £22,105, but after that you're into posh German metal if you're looking for wind in not just your hair, but the barnetts of your nearest and dearest too. That means the drop-top versions of Audi's A5,

Mercedes' C-Class and BMW's 4-Series, all of which start at around £44,000. Ouch.

I'm sure there are all sorts of profitability reasons why, like coupés, cabriolets have all but vanished from the nation's forecourts, but having grown up in an era when you could have everything from a droptop Metro to the Saab 900 Convertible, I miss four-seater cabrios. And, I suspect, so do you, given the amount of you I've seen out and about in secondhand Audi A4 Convertibles and Golf Cabriolets during the latest heatwave.

But never mind - the car industry reckons you're not interested anyway. Would Sir be interested in yet another small crossover?

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KIA'S confirmed prices for its new XCeed, which is available to order now and arrives later this autumn. The entry-level version of the five-door crossover, called simply the '2' grade, comes with a 1.5-litre petrol engine and starts at £22,995, although there's also be two more lavish trim levels and the option of a plug-in hybrid model, which uses a 1.6-litre motor in conjunction with batteries and can travel up to 30 miles on electricity alone. Go to www.kia.co.uk to find out more.

ALFA ROMEO'S striking new Tonale is on sale now, with prices starting at £38,595. That's for the initial Speciale-branded model but there are also two other trim levels, Ti and Veloce, which kick off at £39,995 and £42,495 respectively. Each version of the five-door crossover comes with a turbocharged 1.5-litre petrol engine which works in tandem with an electric motor. Visit www.alfaromeo.co.uk to find out more about the Tonale range.

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